

1. Referral

(unless parent objects)

- System of identifying all infants and toddlers who may be eligible for early intervention supports and services
- AEIS Child Find toll free hotline: 1-800-543-3098
- family contacted by local service coordinator

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3. Evaluation/Assessment

- Process to determine who qualifies and what resources, supports and services are needed
- Parents are equal partners
- Parents must give written consent
- Includes all areas of development
- Review of pertinent records included
- Family assessment is voluntary
- Must complete within 45 days of referral

2. Service Coordination

- Service available for families who qualify
- Helps family identify concerns and goals
- Provided by qualified service provider who knows community supports and services available; knows EI law and acts as family advocate
- Assists family with identifying and planning for needed supports and services

4. Individualized Family Service Plan (if child is eligible)

- IFSP is written plan that describes resources, supports, services and goals
- Unique group planning process for each eligible child and family
- IFSP defines procedure for getting services
- Family is equal partner in planning

5. Child/Parents Rights

- Procedures in place to ensure the rights of each eligible child and family
- Provides protection for family and service providers throughout family's involvement in AEIS
- Written and oral explanation is available to all involved families

AEIS services provided: (if appropriate for eligible child and family)

- Assistive technology
- Audiology
- Family training, counseling and home visits
- Health services
- Medical services (diagnosis and evaluation purposes only)
- Nursing
- Nutrition
- Occupational therapy
- Physical therapy
- Psychological services
- Service coordination
- Social work services
- Special instruction
- Speech and language pathology
- Transportation and related costs
- Vision services

6. Transition

- Process of moving from EI (birth - 3 yrs.) to preschool (3 - 5 yrs.) or other services
- Includes involving parents and providers
- Written transition plan describes resources and goals
- Families work with EI and preschool special education or community-based service and organizations

Organizational Chart for Alabama Early Intervention System's Infants, Toddlers & Their Families



Governor's Interagency Coordinating Council

- 22 members include 9 state agencies
- Advises and assists the lead agency
- 20% of ICC members are family members
- 20% of ICC members are direct providers
- ICC Executive Committee jointly agrees on needed state budget for AEIS
- Open meetings held quarterly

Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services

- Lead agency in Alabama charged with assisting Alabamians with disabilities
- Operates under federal education law, IDEA, Part C and Alabama state law
- Provides legal, computer, legislative, communication, data and accounting support

EI District Providers coordinate resource access, support and appropriate services to eligible families who have infants and toddlers with disabilities in Alabama

Division of Early Intervention Specialists

- State EI staff responsible for implementing all components of AEIS:
 - public awareness/outreach
 - comprehensive system of personnel development
 - data/financial system
 - Child Find
 - family support/involvement
 - provider/program supervision and monitoring
 - EI district council support
 - district staff supervision
 - child/parent rights/other safeguards
 - appropriate services/community integration/natural environments
 - EI projects/grants
 - EI central resource directory

Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind

- 9 regional offices statewide
- Community-based, family-centered EI support and services for eligible children with sensory impairments and their families

Children's Rehabilitation Service

- 15 district offices statewide
- Community-based, family-centered EI support and services for eligible children and children with special health care needs and their families

Department of Mental Health/Mental Retardation

- 4 regional offices statewide
- 27 programs provide community-based, family-centered EI support and services to eligible children with developmental delay and their families

EI Private Vendors

- Statewide network of qualified EI providers
- Approved vendors must complete AEIS application process

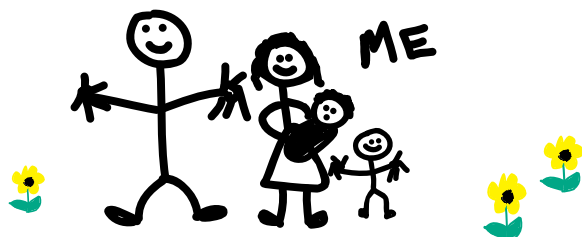
EI Staff in 7 District Offices:

- EI district offices in Huntsville, Birmingham, Talladega, Montgomery, Dothan, Mobile, and Tuscaloosa provide statewide AEIS support and services to EI providers and eligible families
- Qualified staff hired by lead agency to:
 - support EI District Coordinating Councils
 - coordinate districtwide family involvement
 - arrange district workshops and family forums
 - coordinate referral of families to district EI programs
 - provide general and referral source outreach
 - provide service coordination for eligible families
 - seek districtwide qualified vendors

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Families are the foundation of our system.